

APPARATUS, AND ASSOCIATED METHOD, FOR CODING AND DECODING MULTI-DIMENSIONAL BIORTHOGONAL CODES

The present invention relates generally to a manner by which to encode,
5 and correspondingly decode, data communicated during operation of a
communication system, such as a cellular radio communication system. More
particularly, the present invention relates to apparatus, and an associated
method, by which to form biorthogonal codes utilizable in a multi-
dimensional modulation scheme. Biorthogonal coding in a dimension higher
10 than that efficiently implementable pursuant to a conventional N/2 QAM
(Quadrature Amplitude Modulation) scheme is permitted through operation of
an embodiment of the present invention. Also, when received at a receiving
station, recovery of the informational content of the received signal is more
readily implemented.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

A communication system is formed, at a minimum, of a sending station
and a receiving station interconnected by way of a communication channel.
Data to be communicated by the sending station to the receiving station is
converted into a form to permit its communication upon the communication
20 channel to the receiving station. When received at the receiving station, the
informational content of the data is recovered, or otherwise recreated, thereby
to provide the receiving station with the data transmitted by the sending
station.

In a radio communication system, the communication channel is
25 formed of a radio channel, defined upon a portion of the electromagnetic
spectrum. A wireline connection is not required to interconnect the sending
and receiving stations of a radio communication system. Because a radio

communication channel is used to effectuate the communication of data by the sending station to the receiving station, thereby obviating the need of a wireline connection therebetween, use of a radio communication system to communicate therethrough is of particular advantage when formation of the wireline connection would be inconvenient or impractical.

To convert the data to be communicated by the sending station in a radio communication system into a form to permit its communication upon a radio channel, a radio frequency (RF) carrier signal is combined together with the data to be communicated by the sending station in a modulation process.

The data is sometimes referred to as being modulated upon the carrier signal. Once modulated, the resultant communication signal is of a form to permit its communication upon the radio channel formed between the sending and receiving stations.

A radio device which provides for both the sending station and a receiving station at a common unit is sometimes referred to as a radio transceiver. Two-way communication is permitted through the use of a radio transceiver.

A cellular communication system is exemplary of a multi-user radio communication system, usage of which has achieved wide popularity in recent years. A subscriber to a cellular communication system communicates therethrough by way of a radio transceiver, typically referred to as a mobile station. Mobile stations conventionally are constructed to mimic the operation of a conventional, wireline telephonic device. Because a radio link is formed between the mobile station and other portions of the cellular communication system, the need for a wireline connection to the mobile station is obviated. Communication by way of a cellular communication system is possible from locations at which formation of a wireline connection would be inconvenient or impractical.

In an ideal communication system, the communication channel formed between the sending and receiving stations does not distort the informational

5 are particularly susceptible to such distortion.

10 portions of the data are distorted to an extent to prevent recovery thereof, the increased redundancy of the data shall still permit remaining portions of the data to be recovered, thereby to recover the informational content of the data.

15 biorthogonal code is a special class of lattice codes. Generally, a biorthogonal
code is constructed by augmenting an orthogonal set of $M/2$ signals with the
negatives of each signal. Biorthogonal codes are geometrically represented by
the vertices of a hypercube in N dimensions. That is to say, the codes are
constructed using $N/2$ unit vectors and their corresponding image vectors
20 about an origin.

possible. And, the smallest possible values of cross-correlation occur when the signals are antipodal. Biorthogonal codes are optimal in terms of a distance property. Also, a codeword is implemented with a reduced number of bits relative to a conventional, orthogonal code.

30 dimensional modulation scheme, such as one utilizing a N-dimensional

spherical code, would advantageously improve communication quality in a communication system.

It is in light of this background information related to communication of data in a communication system that the significant improvements of the present invention have evolved.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention, accordingly, advantageously provides a manner by which to form biorthogonal codes utilizable in a multi-dimensional scheme. Biorthogonal coding, and corresponding decoding of the biorthogonally-coded data, is provided during operation of a communication system, such as a cellular radio communication system, operable pursuant to an embodiment of the present invention.

Through operation of an embodiment of the present invention, biorthogonal coding in a dimension higher than that efficiently implementable pursuant to a convention $N/2$ QAM (Quadrature Amplitude Modulation) scheme is permitted. Also, when the biorthogonally-coded data is received at a receiving station, recovery of the informational content of the received signal is more readily implemented.

In one aspect of the present invention, apparatus is provided for a sending station in a communication system to implement a biorthogonal code at a sending station. Digital data is utilized to form biorthogonal codes which, subsequent to coding, are transmitted upon a communication channel to a receiving station. Coordinates for a signal constellation, values of which are utilized in the formation of the biorthogonal codes, are generated by a BPSK (Binary Phase Shift Keying) modulator. A BPSK modulator is readily implementable and values generated therefrom are used by a mapper to map the digital data to be communicated by the sending station to an appropriate dimensional value. Once mapped to the appropriate dimensional value, the coordinate is modulated onto an orthogonal dimension associated therewith.

The orthogonal dimensions are summed together and then transmitted upon a communication channel.

In another aspect of the present invention, the coordinates are further rotated about one or more of the coordinate axes prior to modulation of the coordinates onto the orthogonal dimensions. By rotating the coordinates about the coordinate axes, a reduction in spurious emissions at the output of the transmit power amplifier of the sending station is facilitated. For instance, rotation of pairs of axes by 45° at each data transition until all combinations of pairs are exhausted, thereafter repeating for the remaining data transitions facilitates such reduction in spurious emissions.

In another aspect of the present invention, biorthogonally-coded data is decoded, once received at a receiving station. The inherent structure of the biorthogonally-coded data is utilized to provide a simple manner by which to decode the coded data received at the receiving station. At least a portion of the coordinates are zero for flat fading channels, and, therefore, an energy detector and a threshold comparator are sufficient to detect such portion of the bits of the biorthogonally-coded data. The receive signal is normalized to remove unwanted amplitude fluctuations which occur as a result of communication of the data upon a non-ideal channel and as a result of addition of multiple signals at the receiving station. Then, a squaring operation is performed to detect the energy of the coded data.

If the data is rotated prior to its transmission at a sending station, then the data must be derotated at the receiving station. That is to say, if the coordinate system used by the sending station is rotated prior to transmission of the data, then the receiving station must be modified to accommodate the rotated coordinate system. Soft decision outputs are used to derotate the coordinate system. Soft decisions are obtained by projecting portions of a receive signal onto each available orthogonal dimension, or, alternately, correlating the receive signal with each of the possible bases functions over a

symbol period. The resulting soft decision outputs are derotated such that the original structure is restored.

In one implementation, biorthogonally-coded data is used in a cellular communication system in which Quadrature Quadrature Phase Shift Keying (Q²PSK) is utilized in conjunction with an 8-ary biorthogonal code. In such an implementation, a 5.33 dB of coding gain over an uncoded 8-PSK system is provided while requiring only a limited increase in bandwidth to effectuate the system. A comparable system, for instance, would require the addition of a rate 2/3 convolutional encoder to an uncoded 8-PSK system. Asymptotic coding gains of 5.2 dB for a constraint length of 6 over an uncoded 8-PSK system is provided in the same bandwidth. However, for operating regions of interest, coding generally can be expected to provide between 2.9 and 4.2 dB of gain.

Thereby, a manner is provided by which to encode, and corresponding decode, data communicated during operation of the communication system. The coding, and corresponding decoding, is implemented in simple manner while providing the benefits of biorthogonal coding.

In these and other aspects, therefore, apparatus, and an associated method, is provided for a first communication station operable in a communication system having the first communication station and at least a second communication station. The first communication station is operable at least to transmit data to the second communication station. The apparatus, and associated method, codes the data prior to transmission thereof at the first communication station. A first modulator is coupled to receive indications of the data to be communicated by the first communication station. The first modulator modulates the indications of the data to form a first-modulated signal representative thereof. A mapper is coupled to the first modulator. The mapper maps at least a portion of the first-modulated signal formed by the first modulator to a selected dimension value selected from amongst a plurality of available dimension values. A second modulator is coupled to the

mapper. The second modulator forms a second-modulated signal. The second-modulated signal is of a dimension responsive to the selected dimension value into which the mapper maps the portion of the first-modulated signal.

5 A more complete appreciation of the present invention and the scope thereof can obtained from the accompanying drawings, which are briefly summarized below, the following description of the presently-preferred embodiment of the invention, and the appended claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

10 Figure 1 illustrates a functional block diagram of a portion of a sending station operable in a communication system to send the biorthogonally-coded data to a receiving station.

 Figure 2 illustrates a functional block diagram of a Q²PSK realization of a portion of the sending station shown in Figure 1.

15 Figure 3 illustrates a portion of a receiving station operable to receive biorthogonally-coded signals, such as biorthogonally-coded signals generated by the sending station shown in Figure 1.

 Figure 4 illustrates a portion of a derotator forming a portion of a receeiving station operable pursuant to an embodiment of the present
20 invention.

 Figure 5 illustrates a method flow diagram listing a method of operation of an embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

25 Referring first to Figure 1, a communication system, generally at 10, provides for the communication data between a sending station 12 and a receiving station 14. In the exemplary implementation, the communication system forms a cellular communication system in which the sending station 12

is formed of the transmit portion of a mobile station operable in the cellular communication system. And, the receiving station 14 is formed of the receive portion of a base transceiver station operable in the cellular communication system. In other implementations, other types of communication systems are represented by the communication system 10. In such other communication systems, the sending and receiving stations 12 and 14 operable therein are also operable pursuant to an embodiment of the present invention.

In the exemplary implementation in which the communication system forms a cellular communication system, the communication channel which interconnects the sending and receiving stations 12 and 14 is formed of a radio channel defined upon a radio link 16. While the radio link 16 is here shown to extend from the sending station 12 to the receiving station 14, in a cellular communication system which provides for two-way communications, the radio link provides radio channels for the communication of communication signals in both directions between the stations 12 and 14. And, appropriate structure is located at both the stations 12 and 14 to permit the two-way communication therebetween.

Data to be communicated by the sending station 12 is here formed at a data source 18. The data is comprised, for instance, of digital symbols formatted into groups. Each group is formed of N symbols including a most significant symbol, or bit, and N-1 least significant bits. Groups of the symbols of the data formed at the data source are generated on the line 22. The most significant bit of each group is applied to a BPSK (Binary Phase Shift Keying) modulator 24. The modulator 24 is operable to modulate the most significant bit of each group of symbols generated by the data source. A modulated signal is generated on the line 26. Because of the BPSK modulation of the symbol bit, the modulated signal is of a value of either +1 or -1.

The other bits, forming the least significant bits of each group of the symbols generated by the data source 18 is passed on the line 28. The line 28

passes $N-1$ bits of each group of symbol bits generated by the data source thereon. That is to say, the N th bit is provided to the BPSK modulator 24 and the remaining ones of the bits are generated on the line 28. The BPSK modulator together with elements (not separately shown) utilized to segregate the bits into the separate paths, i.e., extending to the BPSK modulator 24 and extending on the line 28, together form a modulator element 32.

The lines 26 and 28 are coupled to a mapper formed of a switch element 34. The switch element 34 more particularly forms a 1-to- 2^{N-1} switch element. The switch element includes a plurality, 2^{N-1} , of output lines 36 which are coupled to a device 38 forming a modulator containing a corresponding 2^{N-1} number of orthogonal dimensions.

The device 38 includes a plurality, 2^{N-1} , of output lines 42 which are coupled to a summing element 44. Values generated on respective ones of the lines 42 are summed together to form a summed signal on the line 46. The line 46 is coupled to other circuitry (not shown) of the sending station, thereafter to be transduced by an antenna transducer 48 to be communicated upon the radio channel defined upon the radio link 16.

The apparatus shown in the Figure to form the sending station 12 is operable to implement biorthogonal coding. Biorthogonal coding results as only one antipodal component per dimension and coordinate position of the signal constellation associated with the coding is utilized.

The switch element 34 maps the values of the antipodal signal applied thereto to an appropriate dimension. As noted above, the most significant bit of each group of each group of symbol bits generated by the data source 18 determines the signal sign, either positive or negative, of the antipodal signal. The remaining ones of the bits of each group, formed on the line 28, are used to select the appropriate dimension to which the signal is mapped. Then, at the device 38, each coordinate, so-mapped, is modulated onto one of the plurality of orthogonal dimensions defined at the device.

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In one implementation, and as noted by a rotator block 52, shown in dash, coordinates are rotated about any, or all, of the coordinate axes of the N-dimensional system. Rotation of coordinates facilitates reduction in spurious emissions generated during operation of the sending station. In the exemplary implementation in which the sending station forms the transmit portion of a mobile station, the sending station includes a power amplifier. Rotation of the coordinates by the rotator reduces spurious emissions at the output of the power amplifier. An exemplary rotation pattern effectuated by the rotator rotates pairs of axes by 45° at each data transition until all combinations of pairs have been exhausted. The rotation pattern thereafter repeats itself for the remaining data transitions.

Figure 2 illustrates a Q²PSK realization of biorthogonal coding effectuable pursuant to operation of an embodiment of the present invention. The Q²PSK realization, used in conjunction with an 8-ary biorthogonal code, exhibits advantageous spectral and power efficiencies. Here, successive components are applied by way of the lines 54 to mixer elements 56. Cosine and sine components, respectively, are also applied to the mixer elements, here by way of the lines 58. First-mixed signals are generated on the lines 62 and are applied to second mixer element 64. Cosine and sine waves are also applied, respectively, to the element 64, here by way of the lines 66. Second-mixed signals formed at the second mixer element 64 are generated on the lines 68 and summed together at a summer 72 to form a resultant signal.

Figure 3 illustrates a portion of the receiving station shown in Figure 1 to form a portion of the communication system 10. A portion of the receiving station illustrated in the Figure is coupled to receive indications a receive signal received at the receiving station. Such indications are provided, by way of the line 78, to a normalizer 82. The normalizer 82 generates a normalized signal on the line 84 which is, in turn, provided to an energy detector 86. The energy detector generates a recovered signal on the line 88 which is applied to a mixer 92. A second input to the mixer 92 is applied thereto by way of the

line 94. The line 94 is coupled to a voltage-controlled oscillator 96 which is coupled in a control loop with an output of the mixer 92, here by way of a bandpass filter 98. A divider element 102 also is illustrated in the Figure, coupled to receive the oscillating signal generated by the voltage-controlled oscillator.

Operation of the portion of the receiving station takes advantage of the inherent structure of the biorthogonal code generated by the sending station 12 (shown in Figure 1). At least $(N-t)$ of the coordinates of the receive signal are zero for flat -fading channel, wherein t is the number of transmit antennas utilized to transmit the send signal to the receiving station and received thereat.

Therefore, an energy detector and threshold comparator are sufficient to detect the " $N-t$ " of the N bits. The threshold utilized by the threshold comparator is set, for instance, by utilizing a Neyman-Pearson criterion for maximizing the probability of signal detection while, at the same time, minimizing the probability of false detection. The remaining bit is coherently detected with a recovered carrier. As only non-zero entries of the coordinates are binary, a simple square law device, here the detector 86, is used to recover the carrier. The normalizer 82 normalizes the receive signal prior to squaring by the energy detector 86 to remove unwanted amplitude fluctuations resulting, e.g., during transmission of the signal upon the communication channel as well as addition of multiple signals at the receiver due to multi-path transmission.

If rotation of the coordinates due to rotation of the coordinate system prior to transmission at the sending station is performed, the receiving station includes corresponding structure to accommodate the new coordinate system. Rf-modulated, N soft decision outputs are needed to derotate the coordinate system using the N circuits of the type which shall be shown in, and described with respect to, Figure 4, below. Soft decisions are obtained by projecting the receive signal onto each available orthogonal dimension or, equivalently, by

Ω^p is a set of orthogonal dimensions that contain signal plus noise components;

β_t is the energy detected over an orthogonal base t of N_j ; and

δ_N and δ_S are the estimates of the power in the set Ω and Ω^p .

5 Thereby, an estimate of the signal-to-noise ratio, per symbol Υ is given by :

$$\gamma = \frac{\sigma_s}{\sigma_n} - 1.$$

Figure 5 illustrates a method, shown generally, at 122, of an embodiment of the present invention by which to load data prior to
10 transmission thereof at a first communication station.

First, and as indicated by the block 124, at least a portion of an indication of the data to be transmitted is mapped to a selected dimension value selected from amongst a plurality of available dimension values. Then, and as indicated by the block 126, a modulated signal is formed. The
15 modulated signal is of a dimension responsive to the selected dimension value into which the indications of the data are mapped.

Thereby, through operation of an embodiment of the present invention, biorthogonal coding in a dimension higher than that efficiently implementable pursuant to a conventional $N/2$ QAM scheme is permitted.

20 The previous descriptions are of preferred examples for implementing the invention, and the scope of the invention should not necessarily be limited by this description. The scope of the present invention is defined by the following claims: